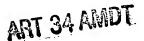
What is claimed is:



- process for producing а suspension 5 hydrophobic oxidic particles which has a defined, adjustable viscosity, characterized in that comprises suspending low structured hydrophobic oxidic particles in at least one organic suspension agent and then adding from 0.05% to 15% by weight based on the suspension medium of high structured hydrophobic oxidic 10 particles, low structured hydrophobic oxidic particles being hydrophobic oxidic particles which, compared with the corresponding high structured hydrophobic oxidic have an at least 30% reduced dibutyl phthalate absorption and an at least 50% higher tamped 15 density.
- The process of claim 1 characterized in that the hydrophobic oxidic particles used are hydrophobic
 pyrogenic oxidic particles or hydrophobic precipitated oxidic particles.
- 3. The process of claim 1 or 2, characterized in that the hydrophobic pyrogenic oxidic particles used comprise a material selected from silicon oxide, aluminum oxide, zirconium oxide, titanium oxide or a mixture thereof.
- 4. The process of at least one of claims 1 to 3, 30 characterized in that the hydrophobic pyrogenic oxidic particles used are hydrophobic pyrogenic silicas.
- 5. The process of at least one of claims 1 to 4, characterized in that the low structured hydrophobic oxidic particles are used in an amount from 0.05% to 2.5% by weight based on the suspension medium.
 - 6. The process of at least one of claims 1 to 5,

characterized in that it utilizes an organic suspension agent selected from alcohols, ketones, ethers, esters, aliphatic or aromatic hydrocarbons, amides or sulfoxides.

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- 7. The process of at least one of claims 1 to 6, characterized in that the suspension medium used includes water as well as the organic suspension agent.
- 10 8. A suspension of hydrophobic oxidic particles which has a defined, adjustable viscosity, characterized in that low structured hydrophobic oxidic particles and from 0.05% to 15% by weight based on the suspension medium of high structured hydrophobic oxidic particles
- are present in suspension in at least one organic suspension agent, low structured hydrophobic oxidic particles being hydrophobic oxidic particles which, compared with the corresponding high structured hydrophobic oxidic particles, have an at least 30%
- 20 reduced dibutyl phthalate absorption and an at least 50% higher tamped density.
 - 9. The suspension of claim 8 obtained by a process as claimed in at least one of claims 1 to 7.

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10. The suspension of claim 8 or 9, characterized in that the suspension comprises from 0.05% to 2.5% by weight of hydrophobic low-structured oxidic particles based on the suspension medium.

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- 11. The suspension of at least one of claims 8 to 10, characterized by a dynamic viscosity from 1.0 to $1\ 000\ \text{mPa}$ s at a shear rate of greater than $20\ \text{s}^{-1}$.
- 35 12. The suspension of at least one of claims 8 to 11, characterized in that the suspension medium comprises water as well as the organic suspension agent.

- 13. The use of the suspension of at least one of claims 8 to 12 for producing soil and water repellent coatings on articles.
- 5 14. The use of claim 13, characterized in that the suspension is applied to at least one surface of an article and the suspension medium is subsequently removed.
- 10 15. The use of claim 13 or 14, characterized in that the suspension is applied by knife coating.
 - 16. The use of at least one of claims 13 to 15 for producing soil and water repellent coatings on
- 15 textiles.
 - 17. The use of claim 16 for producing apparel, industrial textiles and textile building fabrics.